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Appl. No. : 10/018,143  
Applicant : Björn Liedtke et al  
Filed : April 3, 2002  
For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COATING AN OPTICALLY  
READABLE DATA CARRIER  
TC/A.U. : 2652  
Examiner : J. Klimowicz

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**PETITION AND FEE FOR THREE-MONTH TIME EXTENSION**

Sir:

With reference to the above-identified application, and pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), applicant hereby respectfully requests that this application be granted a three-month time extension to August 26, 2004.

This request for time extension is filed concurrently with an Office Action Amendment.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17, enclosed is a check for \$950.00 to cover the requisite fee. It is requested that any fees required or any shortages in any fees due, now or at any time during the examination of this application, be charged to Deposit Account 02-1653.

Respectfully submitted,

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